2000 and listing Benedict Gomes and Benjamin Thomas Smith as inventors, which application claimed the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1), to the filing date of provisional patent application serial no. 60/184,126, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Detecting Query-Specific Duplicate Documents", filed on February 22, 2000 and listing Benjamin Smith and Benedict Gomes as inventors, for any inventions disclosed in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1. Benefit to these applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120. These applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference. --

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2)(iii) a separate sheet with the replacement paragraph, marked up to show all changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph, is filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-45 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein.

Please add the following new claims:

1 -- 46.   (NEW)   A method for processing search results
2 generated based on a query, the method comprising:
3   a)   accepting the search results;
4   b)   accepting keyword information extracted from the
5   query; and

6   c) generating a set of final search results from the

7   accepted search results using the accepted keyword

8   information.

1 47. (NEW) The method of claim 46 wherein the act of

2 generating a set of final search results includes

3   1) determining, using the accepted keyword

4   information, whether or not a candidate search

5   result is similar to a search result already in

6   the set of final search results, and

7   2) if it is determined that the candidate search

8   result is similar to a search result already in

9   the set of final search results, then not adding

10   the candidate search result to the set of final

11   search results.

1 48. (NEW) The method of claim 46 wherein the act of

2 generating a set of final search results includes

3   1) determining, using the accepted keyword

4   information, whether or not a candidate search

5   result is similar to a search result already in

6   the set of final search results, and

7   2) adding the search results to the set of final

8   search results only if it is determined that the

9   candidate search result is not similar to any

10   search results already in the set of final search

11   result.

1 49. (NEW) A computer-readable medium including machine

2 executable instructions which, when executed by a machine,

3 processes search results generated based on a query by:

4 a) accepting the search results;

5   b)   accepting keyword information extracted from the

6   query; and

7   c)   generating a set of final search results from the

8   accepted search results using the accepted keyword

9   information.

1   50. (NEW) The computer-readable medium of claim 49

2 including further machine executable instructions which,

3 when executed by a machine, generate the set of final

4 search results by

5   1) determining, using the accepted keyword

6   information, whether or not a candidate search

7   result is similar to a search result already in

8   the set of final search results, and

9   2) adding the candidate search result to the set

10   of final search results only if it is determined

11   that the candidate search result is not similar

12   to any search results already in the set of final

13   search result.

1   51. (NEW) An apparatus for processing search results

2 generated based on a query, the apparatus comprising:

3   a)   a storage facility for storing the search results

4   and for storing keyword information extracted from the

5   query; and

6   b)   a final results generator for generating a set of

7   final search results from the search results stored in

8   the storage facility using the keyword information

9   stored in the storage facility.

1   52. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the final set

2 generator includes